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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6134

BILL NUMBER: SB 62

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 13, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Commission on Abused and Neglected Children.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lawson C

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes a Commission on Abused and Neglected Children and Their Families to develop a plan of services for children at risk of abuse or neglect and for abused or neglected children and their families. The bill requires a report not later than August 15, 2004. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Board for the Coordination of Child Care Regulation.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The cost of this bill is dependent upon the number of meetings, average distance traveled to the meeting, and total number of state employees appointed to the Commission. The estimated costs per member per meeting are (assuming 100 miles traveled) the following: \$163.50 per Legislative member, \$34.50 for each state employee, and \$84.50 per each non-state employee.

Members of the Commission are entitled to travel expenses and/or salary per diem. Legislative members are entitled to \$129 per diem and \$0.345 per mile for travel expenses, to be paid from appropriations made to the Legislative Council or the Legislative Services Agency. Lay members who are not state employees are entitled to \$50 per diem as well as \$0.345 per mile for travel expenses, to be paid from executive agency appropriations. Members of the Commission who are state employees are also entitled to \$0.345 per mile for travel expenses, to be paid from executive agency appropriations.

The Committee has 26 members in total, and 4 are nonvoting members. The Commission consists of:

- four legislators who serve as nonvoting members - two from the House and two from the Senate
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- one prosecuting attorney or deputy prosecuting attorney,

- one attorney specializing in juvenile law,
- one law enforcement representative,
- two children's advocates,
- one guardian ad litem or court-appointed special advocate,
- one juvenile court judge,
- one public agency children's services caseworker,
- one private agency children's services caseworker,
- one representative from the Division of Family and Children,
- one counselor or social worker from Indiana's at-risk school program,
- one pediatrician,
- one licensed social worker,
- two faculty members - one from an Indiana accredited graduate school of social work (shall serve as chairperson), and one faculty member from an Indiana accredited undergraduate school of social work,
- one county director to be appointed from the Indiana State Association of County Welfare Administrators,
- one foster parent who is a member of a foster advocacy organization,
- one adoptive parent who is a member of an adoptive parent advocacy organization,
- one nonprofit family services agency provider,
- one representative of child care institution providers,
- one psychologist who works with abused and neglected children, and
- one individual who has experience and training in juvenile fire setting identification and intervention

The Indiana accredited graduate school of social work represented by the chairperson of the Commission is to provide staff support to the Commission and pay for administrative costs. The school is assumed to be able to absorb expenses associated with this provision.

The Commission is required to prepare a report with findings and recommendations, and the presentation of the implementation plan for a continuum of services for children at risk of abuse or neglect and for abused or neglected children and their families. The Commission shall submit this report not later than August 15, 2004, to the Governor, the Legislative Council, and the Board for the Coordination of Child Care Regulation. The Commission expires December 31, 2004.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: An Indiana accredited graduate school of social work; Division of Family and Children.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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